



City of San Diego
CARL DEMAIO
CITY COUNCILMEMBER –DISTRICT 5

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 14, 2011

TO: Roger Bailey, Public Utilities Director

FROM: Councilmember Carl DeMaio *Carl DeMaio*

RE: Wholesale Water Purchase Information Request

The City of San Diego is currently reliant on wholesale purchases of out-of-region imported water to meet roughly 85 to 90 percent of our water needs. Imported water is sold to the City by the San Diego County Water Authority (CWA), which purchases imported water from the Southern California Metropolitan Water District (MWD).

The average San Diego single-family household has seen the water bill increase by more than 65 percent since 2007. Since 2008, a portion of the total water rate increase has been labeled “pass through.” Proponents argued that rate increases were necessary to cover the increased rates that the City had to pay the CWA, and that the CWA had to pay the MWD.

Please provide my office with the Public Utilities Department’s water purchase costs, budgeted and actual, for each fiscal year beginning with FY 2006 and ending with FY 2011. Please only include money paid to other entities for these purposes.

Should your office have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Frank Prewoznik on my staff.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

cc: Aimee Faucett, Deputy Chief of Staff/Director of Policy, Office of the Mayor